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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3007th meeting of the Security Council, held on 12 September 1991, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item "Admission of new Members", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the members:

I indeed appreciate the honour bestowed on me, as President of the Security Council, to say on behalf of all its members how pleased the Council is to recommend to the General Assembly that it admit the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania to membership in the United Nations.

It is a pleasure, but it is also a serious matter, for this is a solemn decision of great symbolic and historic importance that the Security Council is taking. The wheels of history have been turning. The winds of freedom have been blowing down old structures. We are entering a world where perhaps there is less order, but where there is ever more hope.

The independence of the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania was regained peacefully, by means of dialogue, with the consent of the parties concerned, and in accordance with the wishes and aspirations of the three peoples. We can only welcome this development, which obviously represents progress in respecting the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and in attaining its objectives.

To the representatives of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, I should like to say "Welcome". The Security Council unanimously took the view that your States meet the conditions laid down in rule 60 for the admission of Members, namely, that they should be "peace-loving" and "able and willing to carry out the obligations contained in the Charter".

I am confident that as new Members of the United Nations, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania will make a constructive contribution to the efforts to promote and uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter.

It is now for the General Assembly to ratify the judgement of the Security Council and to enable you rightfully to regain your place within the community of nations. Thus this forty-sixth session will see the United Nations, with 166 Members, progress towards the universality that is one of its fundamental principles.